Setting up of High Power Transmission Stations in Orissa

3013. SHRI B. J. PANDA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that DD-2 is not being viewed in all parts of Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps Government are taking for setting up high power transmission stations in major areas of Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) In satellite mode, DD-2 channel programmes are available throughout the country including the State of Orissa and these can be received with the help of appropriate dish antenna system or through cable network. However, in terrestrial mode DD-2 channel coverage is estimated to be available to about 25.3 per cent population of Orissa.

(c) All the high power transmitters envisaged to be set up in Orissa as part of 9th plan have since been commissioned, and there are now 7 high power transmitters (DD-1—5, DD-2—2) in the State.

Telecast of DD Programmes in rural areas

†3014. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that programmes aired by new channels of Government managed Doordarshan and Radio are available in metro cities only and are not available in rural areas;

(b) if so, by when Government will make available all channels of Doordarshan to rural people;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the cable operators have made a pressure for accepting their new rates and that Government have accepted their demands and the rates are likely to be doubled as a result thereof; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.